"In the breast of a bulb is the promise of spring,
In the little blue egg is a bird that will sing,
In the soul of a seed is the hope of the sod,
In the heart of a child is the Kingdom of God."

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Letting Your Family Know You

National Family Week will be May 1-8. The Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day) will be May 8.

Happily the day formerly set aside as "Mother's Day" is more adequately now being observed as a "Festival of The Christian Home" following a whole week's accent on family life.

The theme this year is, "The Family As a Christian Community". It is our hope that ministers will preach sermons on creative family life.

When seriously approached about the possibility of having family worship in their home, people often say: "We don't know how to go about doing it." Could some of the more resourceful churches provide a demonstration of family worship during the regular Sunday morning worship service at the beginning of National Family Week?

Encourage the Laymen's and Women's Fellowship groups to offer programs and discussions based on family concerns such as budgets, recreation, ways to family fun. Note the special Family Filmstrips listed on page 20.

Ask the families in your church to plan at least one "stay-at-home-night" featuring a party atmosphere with a special dinner of favorite foods and an evening of fun with songs, games and hymns. Of course, if they do, they will discover how nice it is to be together and this will be the initial step for more togetherness. This may be a good night to discuss summer family vacation plans (don't overlook the possibility of participating in the Kansas Family Camp at Estes Park).

A devotional guide for Family Week, **"Pages of Power",** may be secured from the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y. Also the new **Family Devotions,** may be secured from Pilgrim Press, 19 S. LaSalle, Chicago 3, Ill.

—Kay Dreher (Mrs. George)

To Grand Rapids

The Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes, former Minister at Lawrence and Prairie Village, has been called as Associate Minister of Park Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Hughes is presently an Area Director for CHEF with headquarters in Minneapolis. He will begin his new work in early summer.

Flash!

Word has just come of the resignation of the Rev. Elmo Paff at Wichita Mayflower effective July 1. Mr. Paff has accepted a unanimous call to The Immanuel Congregational Church in St. Louis.

The Rev. Robert W. Croskery of Greenwich, Conn., has accepted a unanimous call to Wichita Fairmount to begin leadership September first.

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Rev. and Mrs. George Stoneback and Family

McPherson Calls Minister

On March 23 the Rev. George Stoneback was voted a call to our Congregational Church at McPherson. The church has been without a minister for more than a year and half. The Stoneback's will begin leadership at McPherson June first. For the past 10 years, Mr. Stoneback has been minister of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita.

Mr. Stoneback was born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania where he graduated from high school. He earned degrees at Bluffton College and Hartford Theological Seminary. He served the Southwick, Mass., Congregational Church two years while studying at Hartford. In Wichita, in addition to carrying on a well-rounded program in his own church, Mr. Stoneback has been very active in interdenominational and community programs. He has served on several committees of the Wichita Council of Churches and is now its President.

The picture of the Stoneback family was taken three years ago. The children are: Georgianna 20, Cynthia - 17, Elaine - 14, and Edwin - 4. The family hobbies are gardening and travel. Since 1951 they have visited every state in the Union with the exception of Alaska and Hawaii.

The Stonebacks are looking forward to moving into the spacious parsonage at 208 S. Maple and we are most happy to welcome them into our Kansas family.

Aeschliman To Centralia

Charles Aeschliman of Sabetha has been called to the pastorate of the Centralia Congregational Church. He has served the church as supply minister during several interims. In 1957 Mr. Aeschliman was commissioned as a Lay Preacher by Eastern Association. He is enrolled in a guided reading course outlined by Yankton Theological Seminary.

Born, reared and educated in Sabetha, Mr. Aeschliman has been employed in postal service for more than 20 years. Since World War II, he has given much time to church work and for more than a year has served as Assistant to the Rev. S. Duane Ogden.

The Aeschlimans have four children: Elaine - 17; Charles- 15; Belva Lynn 10 and LeAnn - 6. They will move to Centralia in early summer as soon as the new $20,000.00 parsonage is completed. Mr. Aeschliman will continue his postal service in Sabetha five mornings each week.

Rev. Almeda Vickery
Guest Leader

Rev. Almeda C. Vickery, Curriculum Consultant for the Division of Christian Education will be visiting Kansas churches May 4-14. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Assistant in Christian Education. Churches on her itinerary include: Almena, Garden City, Ford, McPherson, Newton, Sedgwick, Emporia First, Carbondale and Tonganoxie.

The program will be adjusted to the Christian Education needs of each church visited. Members of the Children's Work Committee will assist in their areas.

Guest At Olive Hill

Mrs. Bernice H. Post who returned in August 1959 from a 3 year term as a mission teacher at Inanda Seminary for girls in Natal, South Africa, was a guest of the Olive Hill Church, March 20. Mrs. Post, invited by the youth of the church as part of their study and interest in Africa, spoke to church school classes and was honored guest at a noon fellowship dinner; she presented slides in the afternoon as she spoke of conditions confronting missionaries and nationals in Africa today. Mrs. Post is on the faculty of the Cambridge, Nebraska High School where she teaches Home Economics and is a member of the Nebraska Conference.

Flemming To Europe

Rev. and Mrs. Dieter Flemming plan to visit Europe during August. Mr. Flemming was born in Berlin and spent most of his boyhood and youth there. They will visit Mr. Flemming's mother who still resides in Germany. They plan also to visit several East-European countries including Russia. Their children—Cathy and Denny, will stay in Minnesota with Mrs. Flemming's parents. Bon voyage!

A Busy Month

A farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. George Kirk was held on Sunday afternoon, April 10 at Plymouth Church, Wichita. The Kirks begin leadership in the First Congregational Church at Muskegon, Michigan on May first.

The seventy-fifth Anniversary of Plymouth Church will be observed with a special dinner and program on April 26. A new history written by Mrs. Flora Hodgson is being published.

Mrs. Bonny On Tour

Through a gift from her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Lindquist, formerly of Lawrence Plymouth, Mrs. Oscar Bonny will tour Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. The Christian Herald Tour, headed by Dan Poling, includes a visit to 14 countries including the Oberammergau Passion Play. Mrs. Bonny leaves New York City May 2 and returns June 25.

The Mission of The Church

KANSAS CONGREGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

REPORTS

Officers, Committees and Related Organizations

ANNUAL MEETING

April 22-24, 1960

First Congregational Church, Great Bend, Kansas

Ruth and Merle Rymph

Our Conference reports are coming to you this year with a "new look" and we hope "new life" that will make each and every reader want to study them. They are reaching some 3,700 subscribers to **Congregational Kansas** in addition to those who attend the Conference sessions at Great Bend April 22-24. Conference boards and committees have served with sacrificial devotion and deep commitment in the continually expanding program of the Conference. Their reports tell part of the story.

"The Mission of the Church"

This theme, chosen by your Program Committee for the 105th annual session of the Kansas Conference, is also the theme for the Laymen's and Women's Fellowships for the coming year. It carries with it the suggestion that the criteria of judgment in measuring the mission of the church is to be found in UNITY, WITNESS, and SERVICE.

A statement widely used in our program of Allied Enlistment describes this mission in these significant words:

"The church is God's community on earth. It has no legitimate life of its own—only the life which God gives to it. Its mission is the fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose for men. Both its life and its mission we see and know in Jesus Christ."

Unity

In the "Statement of Faith" of the United Church of Christ adopted last summer we find this succinct statement:

"He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races."

This is the goal in Christian unity to which we aspire. We believe firmly that the gospel is for all men everywhere and that all Christians are a part of the mission, joined in the unity of the believing heart and reaching out to others in the fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose. There is a growing realization among Christians around the world that our devotion to Christ binds us together in a spiritual unity that is stronger than the differences that separate us.

Our opportunity for exploring new dimensions of unity deserves serious and thoughtful consideration at this year's Conference session.

Witness

As we examine the records of the past year we are aware that we have not measured up to all opportunities to witness daily to the truth "that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." Has your group really studied the mission of the church and how it should challenge each Christian? Here again our churches who are carrying through on the Allied Enlistment program are experiencing a renewal and are feeling new life in their veins. Laymen and women are asking with new urgency about the church's reason for being, its ultimate purpose and mission. The mission of the church to witness lays upon each one of us two obligations: First, to gain personal knowledge of His life made manifest, and make Christ a vital presence in our daily lives; second, to testify, proclaim and witness for Him.

"Every land is a mission land,
Every church is a mission church,
Every Christian is a missionary."

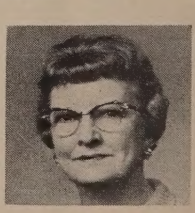
Service

"We are fellow-workers with God." "Faith without works is dead." In our individual lives, in our homes, in our churches, and through the larger fellowship, we declare our faith by our deeds—our service.

"In every race, in every creed,
It matters not how far apart—
The language of the loving deed
Is understood in every heart."

Thus we make our strongest witness in meeting the needs of others. When in history have Christians been better organized to express the tender concern of Christ—in carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth, in serving the weak and oppressed? We measure our reports as churches in the light of the needs in our world. In deeds of love and mercy we underline the faith expressed in Fosdick's hymn:

"Lord God, whose grace has called us
to thy service,
How good thy thoughts toward us, how
great their sum!
We work with thee, we go where thou
wilt lead us,
Until in all the earth thy Kingdom
come. Amen!"



Eva Wolford

Office Assistant

Since coming to the Conference Office a little more than one year ago, I have endeavored to cooperate in any way needed to keep the entire Kansas program progressing.

The variance of the work is most interesting and there are certainly no dull moments.

As librarian in charge of Audio-Visuals, about 750 requests were cared for during the past year, along with considerable counsel regarding special programs. The major project recently has been the compilation of a new Audio-Visual catalog in which is listed some 500 filmstrips, slides, movies and records. It has been planned with special features which we hope will make it more useable to our churches.

My association with the Conference the past year (as well as several years on a part-time basis) has been most pleasant and happy.

We know that any machine is operable only as all its parts are coordinated and correctly timed. By the same token, the Kansas Conference program can only be as successful as all its churches and people plan and work together to make it so - and fulfill the scripture; "And so the wall was built, because the people had a mind to work."

Eva Wolford—Office Assistant

Charles Armstrong

Conference Board of Trustees

Highlights of actions taken by the Conference Board of Trustees during the year include the following:

Sale of the property at 1269 College Avenue, Topeka, for $12,000.00 cash. This property, purchased when Mr. Hepler was called to serve on the Conference staff has been rented until it was sold in November, 1959.

Endorsement of the calling of a full-time Campus Minister at Lawrence, this person to be on the staff at Plymouth Church and to work under the supervision of the Rev. Paul Davis, Minister, to begin work not later than September, 1960. The conference subsidy which is $1,500.00 for work at Lawrence this year to be raised to $2,500.00 in 1961.

A committee was appointed to work with an E & R committee of the Kansas City Synod to investigate the possibilities of securing a suitable camp site for future development. The Rev. Louis Poppe and the Rev. Elmo Paff are our representatives. They would be glad for suggestions in this regard.

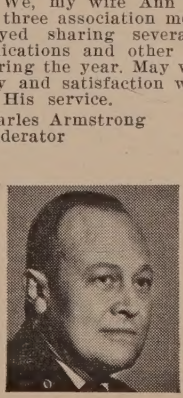
Concord Church in Wichita—under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher and some 100 members, assisted by the Wichita Extension Committee reached an important milestone on Palm Sunday, April 10, when they broke ground for their first unit on the church site on Ridge Road. The Conference Board of Trustees, at a meeting in February voted a grant of $2,000.00, a short-term loan of $10,000.00 and a long term loan of $14,000.00 toward this project. A special campaign conducted in November netted about $19,000.00 in pledges from the church people and friends. In February at Buck Hill Falls the Board of Home Missions voted a loan of $35,000.00 and a grant of $5,000.00. So with the cooperation of many, the first unit will soon be "Off the ground."

The board is recommendinng the release of 3% of our Conference O.C.W.M. dollar to go towards a fund to make possible a minimum of $1,200.00 a year for a group of older ministers who are currently receiving only $600.00 annually. They further recommend an increase of at least 12½% in O.C.W.M. giving from each local church in 1961 to make up for the 3% allocated from the Conference and the 9½% allocated from the Boards.

On recommendation of the Conference Extension committee a 5 acre site in the southwest area "growing edge" of Topeka has been purchased.

As your Moderator, I wish to express appreciation for your fine cooperation since I accepted the gavel at Wichita last April. My work with you and fellowship among you, has been very rewarding. We, my wife Ann and I, attended all three association meetings and have enjoyed sharing several anniversaries, dedications and other special occasions during the year. May we continue to find joy and satisfaction working together in His service.

—Charles Armstrong
Moderator



Camden Strain

Conference Treasurer

Although the statistical treasurer's reports do not appear here, but will be in the Conference Minutes and Directory book, we wish to give recognition to Camden Strain who has served as Treasurer of the Conference for more than 16 years. Mr. Strain has served graciously and willingly since 1944 carrying out the details of this task quietly and efficiently. To him we would express our deep appreciation and warm good wishes.

Guy Gebhardt

Dieter Flemming

Christian Social Action Committee

At a meeting this fall the committee outlined the work for the year. Three main items were agreed upon: 1: A series of Cluster meetings. 2: Participation in the State Training Conference on "Education and Action for Peace." 3: Spring Institutes with the Rev. Oscar Bonny.

The Cluster Meetings were held at Prairie Village, Gaylord, Great Bend, Muscotah, Wichita Fairmount, Topeka and Manhattan. Thirty-nine churches participated with a total attendance of 115. This included 34 laymen, 55 laywomen and 26 ministers. Seven of the churches were E & R; 32 CC churches were represented. Members of the Committee promoted these meetings and acted as conveners.

The sessions were held from 3 to 7 P.M. on Sunday. There were presentations on the "Christian Basis for Social Action", followed by a general discussion of problems and possibilities in the local churches - how to implement ideas into action.

Thirteen C.C. and E & R leaders attended the State Training Conference on "Education and Action for Peace."

Spring Institutes on the "Nation Wide Study and Action for Peace" were held. These were 2 hour sessions with the Rev. Oscar Bonny speaking on his experiences in Russia during the first period and a panel of local people discussing "The High Cost of Peace" during the second period. Meetings at Kinsley and Plevna had to be cancelled due to heavy snow.

The Rev. W. Dieter Flemming, Chairman, attended the summer Institute on Christian Social Action at Lakeland College in Wisconsin and the Washington Churchmen's Seminar in February. Mr. Guy Gebhardt, spent a week at the Institute in Mill Valley, Cal. He also visited almost every church in the state during the fall months, setting up the Cluster Meetings and counseling with pastors and local committees. Much good work is being carried out in the churches of the state. Much of it is not being reported.

The attendance of Ray Gibbons at the State Conference should give fresh impetus as we go into the new year.

Rev. W. Dieter Flemming, Chairman
Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt, Conference Asst.
Rev. T. Merton Rymph
Rev. Sadaichi Asai
Rev. Roy Hanson
Mrs. Charles Armstrong
Mr. Gordon Jones
Mr. A. W. McCarter

Mrs. Carl Georgeson
Conference Assistant

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee reports two important projects accomplished during the year. First, was the bringing together of a Children's Work Committee of 4 members to be responsible for introducing of the new curriculum and to help local churches in the area of children's work. Their report appears elsewhere.

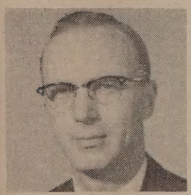
The other important project was the Christian Education Workshop in July. The hospitality of Central Congregational Church in Topeka, the dedicated leadership of our Kansas people, the inspiration given by Miss Mildred Widber, and the wonderful cooperation of those attending, made this a stimulating experience of living and learning in a Christian community.

We have cooperated with the Division of Christian Education of the Kansas Council of Churches. Careful consideration has been given to the Christian Education Associates program which will provide a media of informatin and training in Christian Education to a large

group of persons. The newsletter, "Tomorrow" has been continued on a quarterly basis. Reports from the Division of Christian Education show that more of our churches are using Pilgrim Series material each year. At Association and State Conference meetings, these and related materials are on display so that more people may become familiar with them. Many of our churches report active teacher training programs, either in the local church or in an area inter-denominational situation. That there is a growing interest in constantly improving the program of Christian Education in the local church, is evidenced by the number of inquiries received by the Conference Staff and committee members.

A series of five one-day Workshops have just been held for parents and teachers of pre-school children. A ten day visit among our churches by Rev. Almeda Vickery of the Division of Christion Education, is scheduled for May. A state wide workshop is being planned for November 14-17 at Russell. The first of the new curriculum, the Nursery Course, will be released for use this fall.

Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Chairman
Mrs. F. C. Lanning
Rev. Roy Hanson
Mrs. Gordon Jones
Rev. Max Thomas
Mrs. Charles Graves
Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff



George Dreher

Kay Dreher

Family Life Committee

Our 1959 Family Camp at Estes Park was again most successful, thanks in particular to the third year of co-directorship of Phil and Nora Felton. Six churches sent campers for the first time. At Great Bend the Feltons and Clark Solsos have redone the kodachrome slide set which tells the camp story; your church may wish to show these slides soon.

The committee has designated the Family Camp Alumni as an ongoing informal agency for promoting camp, as well as other projects in Christian Family living. Many alumni gathered at the fall Association meetings and will gather again at State Conference.

The committee hails the new publication of the United Church, "Family Devotions", a daily guide for families with school-age children. We continue to recommend the wide use of the "Family Resource Books". Phyllis Eckelman is preparing a list of recommended books and TV programs for your consultation. Through Conference publications, we are suggesting ways to observe Family Week, May 1-8, 1960.

Our 1960 Family Camp will be held July 17-23, again in the lovely setting of Association Camp, the YMCA of the Rockies. This fall, your church received a letter urging financial scholarships to campers attending from your church. Family Camp Alumni become an asset to your church.

Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher, Chairmen
Mr. & Mrs. David Eckelman
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Felton

Eva Martin

Children's Work Committee

The Children's Work Committee submits the following highlights of their year's program in fellowship and education:

July 5-10: Leadership Education Workshop in Topeka (in cooperation with the Christian Education Committee).

July 12-18: Mrs. Kenneth Martin attended the Elmhurst Workshop on the Pre-School Curriculum.

September 9-10: Joint meeting with the Christian Education leaders of the E & R Synod.

In October—Two book "travel kits" for each Association started their journey to the churches. These books contain preliminary background studies for the Spring Workshops.

March 28-April 4: Pre-School Curriculum Workshops were held in Stockton, Junction City, Wichita, Leavenworth and Great Bend.

Mrs. Kenneth Martin—Chairman
Mrs. Floyd Davidson—Eastern
Mrs. Paul Heide—Southern
Mrs. John Becker—Western

Myrtle Graves

Kansas Women's Fellowship

The women in our Congregational Christian Churches in Kansas have become more informed of the complete program of our six Departments of Work and of our Mission Study themes. This has happened because of the use of the packets that go into each church and the attendance at Retreat. The women know more about our missionaries and missions through the use of the Prayer Calendar. Because the women are better informed, they are doing better work and are having more inspired programs. Two Associations held a Workshop for those who could not go to Retreat

The weather has made this an unusual year. Because of the blizzards the Dedication of the Woman's Gift was postponed in many churches, therefore the reports and the money have been delayed. But if the late reports keep up the momentum of the early reports we should have a larger Woman's Gift than ever. Some of the local Fellowships have contributed funds to the work of the Kansas Fellowship.

Even though the Friendly Service quotas were higher this year, the women in our churches are meeting the requirements. The monthly Devotional Services are used in most of the Fellowships and in many of their Circles. Nearly every Fellowship honored their deceased members with a memorial service and a monetary gift to the Kansas Memorial Fund. The chairmen of our Departments of Work are corresponding committees of the Kansas Conference. In this way they coordinate the women's work with that of the Conference.

The state president, one Association president and three Department of Work Chairmen attended the Mid-West meeting in Oak Park, Illinois in October. One of our officers was a delegate to the General Synod in Oberlin, Ohio. Our third vice president is chairman of the National Committee on Leadership. Three of our officers are members of the Board of Managers of United Church Women in Kansas. Several of our women went to the Midwinter meeting in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, the last of January.

Each year there is progress in the women's work in our churches The results may not be spectacular but the women are growing in spirit and effectiveness. In time each woman will find her mission in the church.

Myrtle K. Graves (Mrs. Roscoe W.)
President

Charles Gunn

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

The constitution of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship was revised at the Annual Meeting on April 25, 1959. The primary change made was the time for the annual meeting. This will be held, hereafter, in conjunction with the Laymen's Workshop in the fall, instead of at Conference time. Copies of the revised constitution were mailed to each church in Kansas.

Plymouth Church, Lawrence, did an outstanding job as host for the Sixth Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop on September 19 and 20, 1959. The Workshop was very well attended by representatives from 35 CC and 2 E & R churches. Inspiring leadership was furnished by Dr. Howard Schomer, Rev. Sadaichi Asai, Rev. P. T. Thomas and Mr. Cyrus V. Giddings.

Everett Cowan of Carbondale deserves our sincere thanks for preparing, printing and distributing brochures on the American Board International Seminar and the Sixth Annual Laymen's Workshop.

Kansas Laymen completed their suggested quota for "Off to Adventure." We need to go a "second mile" on this project as several states have failed to reach their goals.

As your representative, your president participated in the fall meeting of the Central Kansas Men's Federation of the E & R Church, held at Peace Church in Hudson, in November and in March, 1960 attended the Conference of the German Congregational Churches at Bazine.

Your president also attended laymen's meetings at Chicago—Mid-West Regional and Buck Hill Falls—Mid-Winter Meeting. After going to the scheduled sessions and after many informal conversations with dozens of men in as many situations, he is more convinced than ever, that the greatest need we have as laymen, is a better understandinng of the mission of the church. Such understanding can not fail to bring us closer to our goal of living as true Christians.

Mr. Charles Gunn, President

Alice Huggins

Missionary Education Committee

The Missionary Education Committee has no startling achievements to announce. We have been working steadily, to get a missionary education committee working in every church, and to persuade people to read the rich supply of informational material available.

About half of our churches have missionary education committees. Some of them are definitely creative and successful. Some have not yet sparked to life, but we're hoping. We shall make every effort to persuade churches which have no such committee to take this first step.

More than 900 copies of the American Board Directory and Calendar of Prayer are scattered through our Kansas Congregational homes. This is the best we have done on this project. Next year we can do a great deal better. The letter services of the American Board are beginning to be used. There is some study of mission books; by and large, however, we do very poorly in our reading program. Only a few of us subscribe to the United Church Herald, and even Congregational Kansas does not get into every Congregational home.

We in Kansas have done well with CHEF but we need to finish the job. The Allied Enlistment program this year is meeting with excellent response. We are fortunate to have the fine leadership of the Rev. Floyd Davidson in this program. Our giving to O.C.W.M. was up a little. What we do is all right. We don't mark time, but we haven't been stepping out forward with any speed, either.

What we need now is for all of us to do what part of us are doing so well.

Miss Alice Huggins, Chairman
Mr. Carl Fisher
Mr. Orval Reeves
Mrs. Carl Georgeson
Mrs. T. A. Lee
Miss Civilla Vinson

Our Christian Higher Education Fund

Kansas was recognized in second place in the nation in our achievement of progress in the underwriting of Our Christian Higher Education Fund, at our Mid-Winter meeting in Buck Hill Falls early in February. Since that time several Declarations of Intention have been received; making our total $94,249.92 as of March 25. If the churches who have taken official action concerning this fund would send in signed Declarations of Intention, we would still not be over the top, but much closer than our records now show.

While we are happy about the response of our Kansas churches and people, we realize this will take the loyal effort of every church to achieve our goal. It must be done eventually; why not now? To assist higher education to be Christian, is surely the task of the church. To be able to announce at Conference that we are over the top, would be a real morale boost for the churches of the nation in this great achievement for Christ and Christian leadership around the world.

Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, and
Dr. George Baxter Smith—Co-Chairmen
Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff
Dr. E. S. Bagley
Rev. S. J. Williams
Mr. E. C. Wedell
Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Robert J. Herman
Mrs. Elliott White
Dr. Bryan Stoffer
Mr. Walter Peirce
Mrs. John W. Gibson
Mrs. Charles Gunn

Allied Enlistment

For the first time, Allied Enlistment Training Sessions were held in the state last year. Porter Bower conducted four sessions at Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita and Russell. The initial response to this program was good, but diminished markedly. This year, the response has been excellent to the first of two sessions being held in Stockton, Kinsley, Newton-Whitewater, Lawrence and Manhattan. This program is designed to assist the local church in developing satisfying churchmanship and as a consequence to strengthen and vitalize the ministry of our churches in the meeting of real human needs locally and around the world

Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, Leader

Floyd Davidson

Carl Althaus

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Budget - 1960

50% For Service Through Our Missionary Boards

American Board	20%	$19,870.00	
Board of Home Missions	20%	$19,870.00	
Council for Social Action	3%	2,980.50	
Cong'l Service Committee	7%	6,945.50	$49,675.00

50% For Service Through Kansas Congregational & Christian Conference—Missionary Work in Kansas

Aided Churches	$ 4,500.00	
Audio Visual Service	400.00	
Christian Education Leadership	500.00	
Church Extension in Kansas	10,000.00	
Congregational Kansas Subsidy	300.00	
Family Camp Subsidy	300.00	
Guest Leaders and Itineraries	250.00	
Laymen's Fellowship	500.00	
Literature	300.00	
Ministers' Convocation	150.00	
Student Work in College Churches	3,500.00	
Women's Fellowship	300.00	$21,000.00

Denominational And Interdenominational

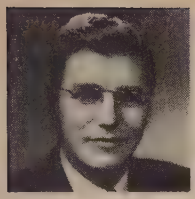
Contributions: Chicago Theo. Sem.	$ 250.00	
Cong'l Historical Society	25.00	
Doane College	750.00	
Personnel Records - Ministers	150.00	
Yankton Theological Seminary	100.00	
Promotion and Fellowship	700.00	
Representatives—Fellowship Meetings	400.00	
State Conference Printed Minutes	300.00	
State Conference Meeting Expense	350.00	$ 3,025.00

Service Through Administration And Promotion

Annuity: Superintendent	$ 835.00		
Board of Trustees & Committee Expense	1,000.00		
Field Expense:: Superintendent	2,000.00		
Secretary	500.00		
Ass't in Social Action	600.00		
Ass't. in Christian Education	450.00		
Parsonage Utilities	450.00		
Miscellaneous	200.00		
Office Expense:			
Rent, upkeep, etc.	1,200.00		
Postage and Express	900.00		
Telephone and Telegrams	840.00		
Supplies and Equipment	600.00		
Salaries: Superintendent	6,600.00		
Secretary	3,400.00		
Office Assistant	3,300.00		
Ass't in Christian Education—(Part-time)	900.00		
Extra Help	800.00		
Social Security—Secretary & Ass'ts.	275.00		
State Parsonages impv.-uppkeep-Insur.	800.00	$25,650.00	$49,675.00
			$99,350.00

NOTE: Contributions to World Council, National Council of Churches, General Council, Kansas Council of Churches and Associations are made from Per Capita Account.

Mr. Al Miville—Stewardship Chairman
Mr. Carl Althaus—Budget Chairman



Ned Burr McKenney

The United Church Of Christ Committee On Information

This committee is composed of our six delegates to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. Its purpose is to keep the churches informed of developments within the United Church and to help and counsel them as need may arise and guidance is sought.

In the fall of 1959, the committee reported on the recent General Synod sessions at all Association meetings, and has since reported further to the churches through the pages of Congregational Kansas.

A major presentation has been prepared for the Conference Annual Meeting in Great Bend.

The committee will be present as your delegates at the adjourned General Synod meeting in Cleveland, July 6-8, 1960 when action will be taken on the proposed constitution of the United Church.

The committee urges churches to make careful plans to consider the constitution to be submitted and vote upon it during the 1960-61 church year. We also offer our assistance to any church which may wish it.

Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman
Mr. Roscoe Graves
Mr. Daniel R. Hopkins
Rev. Paul Davis
Mrs. Charles Gunn
Dr. L. M. Rymph

Conference Church Extension Committee

This is a new committee formed a year ago to study the need for, and lead in the establishment of new churches. The committee has held two meetings and has acquainted itself with several growing areas in the state. Sub-committees, with Dr. Rymph, have visited and studied five such cities. We believe that there is now need for new churches to be started in Overland Park, Salina and possibly Hays, and hope to be able to begin work in at least one of these areas by the fall of 1960.

The committee also approved a recommendation of the Topeka Extension Committee to purchase a five acre lot near 29th and Fairlawn in Topeka to be held for a church site when needed, probably about five years hence. This recommendation was adopted by the Conference Trustees and the site purchased in February.

Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman
Mr. R. W. Lange
Mr. Karl Klooz
Mr. Chester Bidleman
Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff

W. C. Kampschroeder

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry program shows signs of strength and some progress is being made. The program, by necessity, varies from campus to campus.

The best example of the Ecumenical approach is to be found at Wichita University where the United Christian Fellowship is a community concern on campus, sponsored by the Methodist Church, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Evangelical United Brethren Church, The United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Wichita and the National Council of Churches. Work with individual members of the academic community is the most vital aspect of the work of the Rev. Ray Ahrens, Campus Minister. However, the United Student Fellowship maintains an active program through which the Christian Faith is interpreted on the campus. The State Conference is sharing in this program in 1960 by contributing $500.00 while the Board of Home Missions contributes $400.00.

Plans are well under way for calling a campus minister through the Plymouth Congregational Church at Lawrence to serve some 500 CC and E & R students who are enrolled at the University of Kansas. The new minister is expected to begin his work this summer or fall. The Sunday night United Student Fellowship schedule will continue and in addition his work will include a day-by-day ministry to students on campus. He will have a desk in Plymouth Church and a place on campus for the purpose

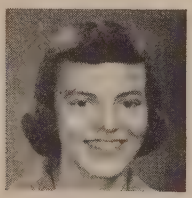
of counseling and meeting students. The present program under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Davis is serving a large number of students with 500-700 attending worship on Sunday morning. The Conference is giving $1,500 and the Board of Home Missions, $700.00 to underwrite the program this year. Conference subsidy will need to be increased in 1961.

At Manhattan the United Student Fellowship is closely related to the total program of the church, and is meeting a real need in the lives of students attending Kansas State University. In addition to the Sunday evening program attended by 25, the fellowship sponsored a mid-semester retreat in Colorado with 18 students in attendance. Rev. Julian Johnson participates in various campus activities as lecturer and counselor.

The Conference is subsidizing this work with $600.00 and the Home Board with $300.00 this year.

Many students in the Colleges at Emporia are served by First Congregational Church and its minister, the Rev. Steve Williams. In addition to the Sunday morning worship service attended by a great number of students, a Sunday evening group meets for study and fellowship. The Conference is contributing $400.00 toward this work in 1960.

A Washburn Fellowship sponsored by Central Church in Topeka is meeting on Sunday evening under the guidance of the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney and the Rev. Jack Booch. Our Conference is cooperating in the Student Fellowship work through the Presbyterian Church at Hays, for students there. Though our contributions to these programs are very limited, we hope they express our real concern.



Sibyl Riekenberg, President

Kansas United Student Fellowship

The Kansas United Student Fellowship concludes the third year of its existence and reports indicate satisfactory progress. Ten representatives (including all officers except one and at least one from each of five college groups) attended the National Assembly of U.S.F. last fall at Doane College. Later, approximately 40 attended a one-day conference at Central Congregational Church, Topeka. The Spring Conference was held at Camp Wood, Elmdale, Kansas, April 8-10 with Presbyterian and E.U.B. Student Groups cooperating.

This is an attempt to bring alive a state student merger in keeping with the National Student Merger (Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren and the United Church of Christ). The state conference contributes $200.00 to this Kansas program of United Student Fellowship work.

W. C. Kampschroeder, Chairman
Rev. Paul Davis
Rev. Julian Johnson
Rev. S. J. Williams
Dr. Bryan Stoffer
Mrs. Ray Ahrens
Rev. John D. Fitzgerald
Miss Sibyl Riekenberg

Ed Brantz

Evangelism Committee

During the year the committee has had the following areas of concern:

The encouraging of ministers to follow up on members that move from their community by sending a card or letter to minister in the new community.

The encouraging of the program of the National Christian Teaching Mission.

Returns on the questionnaire sent out to all the churches: Thirty-five churches reported and it was interesting to note the response. For example, 26 of the churches said that they had a responsibility list; 22 churches reported a program for members to discuss their faith and to study; 19 churches reported having a program of Evangelism. This would indicate that about one fourth of our churches are doing a good job in seeking people to be a part of their fellowship.

The Evangelism Committee is recommending to the State Conference that we emphasize evangelism for the year 1961-62. We hope to develop a type of Christian Teaching Mission program for our churches in the state.

Rev. Edward H. Brantz, Chairman
Rev. Robert Baker
Rev. Robert Waters
Rev. Ray Haun
Rev. Kenneth Martin
Mrs. Oscar Bonny
Mr. Charles Aeschelman
Mr. Steve Radley

Louis G. Poppe

Town And Country Committee

Three quick items of note as concerns our Town and Country Committee. We began the year with Rev. Dan Tyson as Chairman and ended it with Louie Poppe as Chairman. Secondly, we cooperated with the Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship in promoting our third successive work camp. This camp was held at our Sedgwick Church where we renovated the sanctuary and rooms in both the church and parsonage.

The third highlight of the year was the trip four of us made to Oberlin, Ohio, in September to attend the First Quadrennial Convocation of the Church in Town and Country of the United Church of Christ. Those attending with me were Francis Turpin, John Becker and Chris Nelson. Nowhere has the value and progress of the spirit of Oneness been more evident in the coming together of our two fellowships than among the more than 500 rural pastors who met at Oberlin. It was indeed a privilege to be there. The premier showing of the United Church film, "Shadow On the Land" was one of the magnificent highlights of the occasion. This film is available for $8.00 rental from the Mission Council or any of our film depositories.

Rev. Louis G. Poppe, Chairman
Mr. Charles Armstrong
Rev. Julian Johnson
Rev. Millard Marshall
Mr. Lyle Anderson
Rev. Francis Turpin

C. T. S. Visitor

The Chicago Theological Seminary is a vital nerve center for our United Church of Christ. McGiffert House, a new 42 unit apartment house for married students is now being occupied although $360,000.00 of its original cost of over one million remains to be met. Faculty salaries are being increased and new chairs are being planned. Scholarship aid has taken a tremendous jump to $85,000.00 a year. The five year experimental plan to give students a fourth year of seminary in terms of a 12 month period out in the chosen field, under competent supervision, is now in operation. It is expected that within 2 years, 100 students a year will be out in the field on this plan which pays the students $2,000.00 for the 12 month period. The housing will be provided by the local church, hospital, etc. New life, both in terms of interest and activity and in terms of spiritual things, was evident everywhere. Morning Matins, evening vespers and ten o'clock evening prayer groups are evidence of search for vital worship and religious experience on the part of the students. This is the seminary of our Kansas Conference Churches.

Is your church giving a minimum of 1% of its local yearly budget to help support your seminary?

Rev. Louis G. Poppe

Paul Davis

Committee On The Ministry

The plans of the committee for a Christian Vocations Conference to be held in Council Grove in November did not materialize, due to the extremely small number of students who registered for the week-end retreat. However, plans are under way for a similar conference next year, and we have the hope that a much larger registration will develop. A current list of those signifying interest in church vocations is being compiled. Correspondence is being arranged whereby ministers will keep in touch with these young people and a live contact will be developed. The Committee on the Ministry intends to cultivate greater initiative in our churches with regard to the recruitment for church vocations. This matter of recruitment within the local church, and the cultivation of young people, through a Church Vocations Conference, and a correspondence on a broad scale, will be primary concerns of the committee during the next year.

Rev. Paul Davis, Chairman
Rev. W. S. Stevenson
Rev. Elmo Paff
Rev. Malcolm White
Rev. Max Thomas
Rev. Robert Waters
Rev. Edwin Mehlhaff

"The main trouble with the younger generation is that too many of us don't belong to it anymore." "Life begins at 40 and then goes like 60."

The Kansas Council Of Churches

The ministry of the Kansas Council of Churches is a many sided one. Rev. Harold Statler, Executive Secretary, keeps in close touch with each denomination through close cooperation with denominational executives.

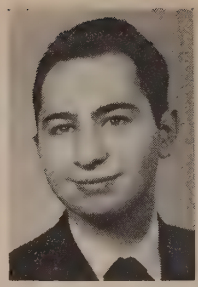
A careful glance at the "Council Churchman" reveals a tremendously active program of the State Council. We have all been alerted recently to the Vacation Church School Clinics all over the state. One question that comes to mind here, "Do you recognize many Congregational Christian names in the list of team members?" Then there is the annual Town and Country Conference in Manhattan and many other conferences, clinics and institutes in which the State Council co-operates in planning, leadership, promotion and inspiration. Two recent consultations; one on "Ministry to Foreign Students" and more recently one on "Church Planning", in which our fellowship will play a significant part. Dr. L. M. Rymph is a senior member of the State Council. Rev. Ned Burr McKenney is President. He will direct the Annual Assembly at Hays, Kansas May 1-2, 1960 when Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council will be the featured speaker.

It is as you attend one of these State Annual Meetings you get a picture of the wide scope of the program. One of the vital parts of the program is the CROP program administered by Rev. Dale Ferris. Under his direction, Kansas was second high among all states in giving last year.

The State Council of Churches renders a very important service to all the churches in Kansas. We are proud to be your representatives.

Rev. Alfred H. Bartter
Rev. S. Duane Ogden,
Council Representatives

Alfred H. Bartter



Dick Epps **Jack Booch**

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Our Pilgrim Fellowship year started off with a Planning and Training Conference at Doane College in late August attended by 131 pilgrims and leaders. At the first meeting of the newly elected officers, a goal of $4,000.00 was adopted for Christian Action, towards which most of our local groups have made pledges. Other projects accepted were the publishing of a Handbook and a Newsletter. Much credit for accomplishing these projects is due Linda Wheeler, State Secretary.

The State Rally held at Ellis, November 5 and 6 was attended by more than 200 P.F.'ers from all over the State. Eastern Rally was held at Lawrence, February 5 and 6 and Southern at Wichita Fairmount, February 27 and 28. Western Rally will be held at Garden City April 29 and 30.

Four camps at Wa-Shun-Ga are set up as follows:

Junior Hi—May 29-June 4
Senior—June 5-11
Middler—June 12-18
Junior Hi—June 19-25

The State President and State Sponsor with Jerry Adkins of Eastern, Angela San Romani of Southern and Betty Hiss of Western will attend the Joint National Youth Council at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, June 17-25.

The 1960 P & T (Planning and Training) conference will again be held at Doane August 22-25.

We have tried, this year to gain a renewed sense of Pilgrim Fellowship involving Christian Faith, Fellowship and Action. A program which at once reaches out for new horizons and at the same time, explores the old to the greatest advantage. We can only pray that through God's guidance, Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, may through our humble efforts, have broadened our horizons and enriched our view of the Christian world.

Dick Epps—State President
Rev. Jack Booch—State Sponsor

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs Roscoe W. Graves, President

Women! Retreat? Once A Year!

"She who fights and runs away
Lives to fight another day."

Whether the struggle is physical or spiritual or both, there is need for time apart - for re-creation, for refueling, for inspiration. Jesus revealed His need and showed us the way. Let us not be too busy to heed His teachings.

The ideal spot for **Retreat is Doane:**

Removed from jostling throngs and the distractions of everyday affairs.

A place of quiet, beauty and charm, close enough to attract women from homes and "busy-ness"

Attractive enough to lure all to its comfort, welcome and roominess.

The place to get acquainted with -

A Congregational college campus of beauty, interest and inspiration—

Women of similar interests and concerns—

Leaders who spend themselves in planning and leading—

God and His purposes through Study - Sharing - Thinking together.

It's Doane

A Mission Mart

For carrying your Bible, notebook, pencil, and valuable papers to class, worship or dorm - buy a sisal bag made in a mission in India. Don't bring one - buy one, or even two. Thus, we help others to help themselves. Other imported crafts to "see for free", buy or order, include: Dolls - unbreakable; costumes of India, leather keycases, billsfolds, Rose wood trays, boxes and elephants, silver spoons and jewelry, brass trivets and trays, Sisal placemats, hot mats, belts, skirt and bag sets of printed cotton, Mother-of-Pearl pins and earrings. These make wonderful gifts. Get your own church to order and sell.

Books - Of Course

To study, enjoy, take home, give away. Mission Study - home and foreign texts for this year. Buy for yourself, your church, youth and children, for related reading and inspiration.

Homeward bound after Retreat - the command is always, "Forward March!" Every woman at Retreat will be a richer, wiser, more inspired Christian - for the duties of home - church - community - and world.

See you at Doane College
June 27-30, 1960

Martha Shaler—reporting

In Spite Of Snow

From the churches visited by Mrs. Ray Phillips come glowing reports despite the gloomy winter weather. Seabrook Church in Topeka had a group from Seaman as guests. At Lawrence she had "table talks" with several couples at a dinner given by Paul and Helen Davis and spoke to a large group at a coffee the next morning. At Topeka Central, many heard her story, including guests from other churches. Her host, Mrs. Robert Pfuetze also invited people in for informal fellowship. After Topeka she visited Newton United and Sabetha. Her story of South Africa, based on 40 years of service there shed a great deal of light on this current "hot spot" in our world.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Clyde E. Headrick
By Olive Hill Fellowship
Miss Mary Landrey
Mrs. Lura Verlin
Mrs. Georgia Wilson
Mrs. Jeannie Gould
By K. C. Ruby Fellowship
Mrs. Elizabeth Seley
Mrs. Leora Whitmore
By Milford Fellowship
Mrs. J. C. Banbury
By Plevna Fellowship
Mrs. Earl Brooks
Mrs. Anne M. Neale
By Wichita Plymouth Fellowship
Mrs. Frank Bell
Mrs. Joseph Batterweck
Mrs. Ned Spaete
By Newton Fellowship
Mrs. Iva Hambleton
By Independence Fellowship
Mrs. Nick Theno
Mrs. Eugene Stotler
By K. C. Welborn Fellowship
Mrs. Albert Tucker
By Eureka Fellowship
Mrs. Anna Kaiser
Mrs. Wilma Deal
Mrs. Nettie Thompson
By Little River Fellowship
Miss Elizabeth Long
Mrs. A. L. Sharp
By Topeka Central Fellowship
Mrs. Eugene Elkins
By Wakefield Fellowship
Mrs. Lottie Dustin
Mrs. Frank Buckner
By Towanda Fellowship

Greetings To Christian Education Chairmen

Annual report time is get-acquainted time. I hope that the inventory of the Christian Education department is one which each of you have had the opportunity of sharing with the key-woman in your church. If circumstances made it necessary for her to fill out your section of the report without your help, won't you scribble and mail directly to me, a little personal postscript about the hazards, hopes and happenings in your fellowship's department of Christian Education?

I'm particularly eager to know if your attendance (as a co-opted member) at meetings of your church's official board or committee of C.E. helped your Fellowship establish a good working relationship. In the hands and hearts of the W.F. is the answer to the blues still too often sung by CE boards and their loyal staff of Church School and Youth Group workers—"Nobody Knows, Nobody Cares".

We need skits emphasizing C.E. and Family Life. Have any been written and enjoyed by your own Fellowship?

Is the family car in good shape? Bring a load of delegates to Annual Conference in Great Bend, April 22, 23, 24. An unusual opportunity for enlightment in Christian Education under the leadership of the Rev. Howard F. Boardman of Boston. See you there!

Betty Graves (Mrs. Chas. S.)
1413 Caledon, Topeka

Chandra Emmanuel

Pictured above is Mrs. Chandra Emmanuel who will be a guest at Wa-Shun-Ga's Middler Camp. Mrs. Emmanuel with her husband is doing graduate work at Kansas State University. At the "Feast of Nations" held recently at the Student Union, she delighted more than 500 persons with her presentation of Indian folk dances. In June she will receive her Master's Degree in Sociology. Her husband, Victor Emmanuel II is working toward a degree in Chemistry. They are fourth generation Christians.

Kansas U.C.Y.M. Meets

April 23 and 24 are dates for the annual assembly of this youth group, the meeting to be held in Topeka at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Eugene Clyma of K.C. Ruby, Vice President of Kansas P.F. and a member of U.C.Y.M. cabinet will give leadership in the program.

Among Our Students

The last of January, 18 K-Staters from our Manhattan U.S.F. held a Retreat at Deer Valley Ranch near Buena Vista, Colorado. Under the general topic "Action or Apathy" the group made an effort to find constructive ways to make church, group and individual life more effective. Programs since returning from this recreative and inspirational trip have included participation in the Morning Worship at our Manhattan church, a study of "On the Beach" and a showing of the film "Cry, The Beloved Country."

U.S.F. at Lawrence has had some especially worthwhile Sunday evening programs recently on - "Evolution in Modern Religious Thinking," "The Nuclear Age and Present World Problems" reading of the play "J. B." and a presentation and commentary on symphonic music.

Spring Conference of the U.C.C.F. (United Campus Christian Fellowship) was held at Camp Wood April 8, 9 and 10. Kansas U.S.F. participated in the program.

C H E F

K. C. First Pilgrim - Whitewater

Has your church accepted its full share of the $117,000.00 Kansas Goal for the Christian Higher Education Fund? Declarations total a little less than $95,000.00 and we are so eager to reach our goal by Conference time. A $1,500.00 declaration from **Whitewater** and a $4,127.00 declaration from **Kansas City First Pilgrim** have been received since our report in the February magazine. Many thanks.

Accepts Call

The Rev. John Becker, minister at Lenora and Almena for the past five years, has resigned effective June first to accept a call to the C. C. Church at Burwell, Nebraska.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

New Audio-Visuals

Playing It Square In The Family: FSSC:

Jerry (13 years old) observes his family for one week to get material for a report at Church School on the Christian family.

Son Of Ahmad: FSR:

Story of need in India and Pakistan and shows thru eyes of a village boy, the relief and rehabilitation programs of the Protestant churches and the impact these ministries have on the people who are assisted.

Life Of Joseph: FSRC (Series of 5)

A dramatization of the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers as written in Genesis 37 to 50, and includes five filmstrips and 2 records:

From Palace To Prison - Joseph's Dreams Come True - Joseph Sold Into Egypt
(Above three on one record)

Joseph Makes Himself Known The Family Reunited
(These 2 on one record)

Other Visuals

Jimmy's Question: FSRC:

Jimmy and his father watch the building of a new church and he asks the question, "What is The Church?"

Angola Awakes: FSRC:

Story of progress of the church in Angola, Africa and the wonderful things being done thru cooperation of the Christian natives and the mission stations.

Biggest Thing In Middleville: FSRC:

Purpose is to stress the church's responsibility to help laymen and women recognize and exercise a sense of Christian responsibility in their daily work. A timely study for any group.

What Happened To Hannah: FSRC:

Story of Hannah, the irritating, exasperating aggravating, agitating new choir member. Will arouse groups to the variety of social ills, needs and responsibility which confronts members to meet these needs - locally and in the larger community.

For Family And Home Week

(Kit of 4 strips and 2 records)

Family Worship: FRSC:

How family worship can be made more meaningful and vital.

Family Give-And-Take: FSRC:

How Christian Give-and-Take helps a family grow together toward finer ways of living.

Family Togetherness: FSRC:

Ways a family can achieve togetherness, and the challenge presented.

Family Recreation: FSRC:

Family fun and recreation.